



**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Kenji INAGAKI

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For: NONWOVEN FABRIC OF POLYESTER COMPOSITE FIBER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, and therefore, Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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Applicant encloses herewith copies of two communications each dated June 28, 2007, from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart applications (JP 2003-063148 and JP 2003-001876) citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office. It is noted that the document WO 01/00706 A1 cited in each of the Japanese counterpart applications corresponds to EP 1 110988, which was cited and listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 8, 2006; therefore no additional citation or listing thereof is made herein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

1. An English language abstract of JP 9-271617 A1 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 9-271617 A1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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